

**LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

**Item No.** 1.E  
**Mtg. Date** March 21, 2017  
**Dept.** Public Works

**Item Title:** Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan Fee Amendment

**Staff Contact:** Mike James, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director

**Recommendation:**

Adopt a resolution (**Attachment B**) amending the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan Fee.

**Item Summary:**

The Transnet Extension Ordinance Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan (RTCIP) fee is a transportation mitigation fee collected by local jurisdictions to fund improvements to the regional arterial system. Each year, the SANDAG Board of Directors (Board) may adjust the minimum fee charged.

On February 24, 2017, the Board approved a 2 percent increase to the RTCIP fee from \$2,357 to \$2,404.14 per new dwelling unit. The staff report (**Attachment A**) details the purpose of the RTCIP fee, the rationale for the 2 percent fee increase, and how future development will be affected.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The increase of the fee by \$47.14 per new dwelling unit will have negligible fiscal impact.

**Environmental Review:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to review        | <input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Categorical Exemption, Section [      ] | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated Negative Declaration |

**Public Information:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter article   | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice to property owners within 300 ft. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Notice published in local newspaper | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood meeting |   |

**Attachments:**

- A. Staff Report
- B. Resolution



## LEMON GROVE CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

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### Discussion:

On March 18, 2008, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 372, establishing the requirements and procedures to impose the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan (RTCIP) fee. The intent of the RTCIP fee is to augment funding for transportation improvements to the Regional Arterial System (RAS). The following roadways in the City that are a part of the RAS include:

- Broadway - Spring Street to College Avenue
- College Avenue - North City limits to Federal Boulevard
- Federal Boulevard - Highway 94 to College Avenue
- Lemon Grove Avenue - Highway 94 to Lisbon
- Massachusetts Avenue - North City limits to Lemon Grove Avenue
- Sweetwater Road - Broadway to South City limits

On April 15, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2782 establishing the RTCIP fee at \$2,000 per new residential housing unit. Since that time and including this year, the RTCIP fee has been increased nine times by the San Diego Association of Governments Board of Directors, each time by approximately 2 percent, from \$2,000 to \$2,404.14. The RTCIP fee is collected prior to issuance of building permits for new residential housing units. Failure by the City to collect the RTCIP fee may result in forfeiture of TransNet funds for the following fiscal year.

Since the fee was implemented in 2008, the City has collected a total of \$508,065. The annual totals are summarized in the table below:

<u>Fiscal Year:</u>	<u>Annual Revenue Total:</u>
FY 2016-17 (to date)	\$44,783
FY 2015-16	\$272,580
FY 2014-15	\$132,986
FY 2013-14	\$24,299
FY 2012-13	\$6,495
FY 2011-12	\$6,369
FY 2010-11	\$8,473
FY 2009-10	\$4,080
FY 2008-09	\$8,000
FY 2007-08	\$0

It is anticipated that the \$47.14 increase in the fee will not have a significant impact on the forecasted amount to be received in FY 2017-18.

# Attachment A

It is important to note that in FY 2015-16 the interpretation of the RTCIP requirement of the *TransNet* Ordinance states that each city may program all RTCIP fees rather than expend before seven years has passed from the point that the city collected the fee. At this time, staff continues to recommend that all RTCIP fees received are programmed to be expended on the Lemon Grove Avenue Realignment Project. ]

## **Conclusion:**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the resolution (**Attachment B**) amending the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan fee. ]

## RESOLUTION NO. 2017-\_\_\_\_\_

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION CONGESTION IMPROVEMENT PLAN FEE

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**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2009, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 372, establishing the requirements and procedures to impose the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Plan (RTCIP) fee; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the RTCIP fee is to provide and retain purchasing power for funding transportation improvements to the Regional Arterial System (RAS); and

**WHEREAS**, the City has six streets that are a part of the RAS (these include Broadway, College Avenue, Federal Boulevard, Lemon Grove Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, and Sweetwater Road); and

**WHEREAS**, on April 15, 2008, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2782 establishing the RTCIP fee at \$2,000 per residence for new construction; and

**WHEREAS**, the fee may adjust on July 1 of each year as approved by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2017, the SANDAG Board of Directors approved the minimum 2 percent increase to the RTCIP fee, from \$2,357 to \$2,404.14, effective July 1, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the increase in the fee will not have a significant impact on the forecasted amount to be received in FY 2017-18; and

**WHEREAS**, amending the RTCIP fee will allow the City to recover costs that would otherwise be absorbed by the General Fund or TransNet Fund.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California hereby:

1. Increases the RTCIP fee for each newly constructed residential unit to two thousand four hundred four dollars and fourteen cents (\$2,404.14); and
2. Implements the amended RTCIP fee beginning July 1, 2017.

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